

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA



RESOLUTION

Whereas consistent with its commitment to improving the lives of children and their families, the Judicial Council has annually recognized November as Court Adoption and Permanency Month since 1999; and

Whereas each year in California, there are more than 490,000 reports of child abuse and neglect and approximately 27,000 children enter foster care; and

Whereas almost 85,000 children in California are living apart from their families in out-of-home care; and

Whereas 34 percent of the children in foster care in California have been away from their families in out-of-home care for four or more years; and

Whereas of the more than 35,000 children exiting foster care between January and December 2004, 52 percent were reunited with their families and 20 percent were adopted; and

Whereas the Judicial Council is committed to working with the Governor, the Legislature, and local courts and communities to bring about permanency for children who have been abused neglected; and

Whereas local courts and communities throughout California have created programs promoting adoption and permanency that have resulted in a decrease in the number of children waiting for permanent, safe homes;

Now, therefore, I, Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California, on behalf of the Judicial Council of California, do hereby proclaim November to be Court Adoption and Permanency Month, during which the courts and their local communities are encouraged to join together in activities to expedite permanency.

In witness whereof

I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of November 2005.

RONALD M. GEORGE
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council of California

Attest:

WILLIAM C. VICKREY
Secretary, Judicial Council of California, and
Administrative Director of the Courts